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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A tablet comprising

- (a) from about 3000 to about 9000 FCC lactase units, ~~and~~
- (b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose, and
- (c) a lubricant.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A tablet according to claim 7 further comprising a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, mannitol, ~~a lubricant, cornstarch,~~ calcium phosphate, sodium citrate, calcium sulfate, calcium stearate, stearic acid, glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl distearate, sorbitol, gelatin, and a gum, ~~and mixtures thereof.~~

Claim 9-12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (previously added) A tablet according to claim 8 wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 14-16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (previously added) A tablet according to claim 8 wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 6 % by weight.

Claim 18-21 (cancelled)

Claim 22 (currently amended): A composition comprising

- (a) from about 3000 to about 9000 FCC lactase units, ~~and~~
- (b) from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose, and
- (c) a lubricant.

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Claim 23 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 22 further comprising a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, mannitol, a ~~lubricant~~, cornstarch, calcium phosphate, sodium citrate, calcium sulfate, calcium stearate, stearic acid, glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl distearate, sorbitol, gelatin, and a gum, ~~and mixtures thereof~~.

Claim 24-27 (cancelled)

Claim 28 (previously added): A composition according to claim 23 wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 29-31 (cancelled)

Claim 32 (previously added): A composition according to claim 23 wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 5 % by weight.

Claim 33-36 (cancelled)

Claim 37 (withdrawn): A process for making a tablet comprising the following steps in order

- (a) mixing lactase and microcrystalline cellulose to form a preblend;
- (b) adding to the preblend a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, mannitol, a lubricant, cornstarch, calcium phosphate, sodium citrate, calcium sulfate, calcium stearate, stearic acid, glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl distearate, sorbitol, gelatin, a gum, and mixtures thereof to form a mixture; and
- (c) compressing the mixture to form a tablet.

Claim 38 (withdrawn, currently amended): A process according to claim 48 37 wherein dextrose, sodium citrate, and a lubricant are added to the preblend.

Claim 39 (withdrawn, currently amended): A process according to claim 48 37 wherein manitol, dextrose, sodium citrate, and a gum are added to the preblend.

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Claim 40 (withdrawn): A process according to claim 33 wherein the gum is selected from the group consisting of carboxymethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, alginate, dextran, acacia gum, karaya gum, locust bean gum, and tragacanth.

Claim 41 (withdrawn): A process according to claim 34 wherein the gum is carboxymethyl cellulose.

Claim 42 (withdrawn): A process according to claim 31 wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 43 (withdrawn): A process according to claim 32 wherein the lubricant is selected from the group consisting of magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, silica, hardened vegetable oils, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 44 (cancelled)

Claim 45 (withdrawn): A process according to claim 37 wherein the lubricant is magnesium stearate.

Claim 46 (cancelled)

Claim 47 (withdrawn): A process according to claim 37 wherein the lubricant is present in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 6 % by weight.

Claim 48 (withdrawn): A process for making a tablet comprising

- (a) mixing an amount lactase having a potency of between about 14,000 and about 100,000 FCC units and about 25 to about 85 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose to form a preblend;
- (b) adding from about 25 to about 70 weight percent of the tablet of mannitol; from about 0.25 to about 5 weight percent of the tablet of magnesium stearate; carboxymethyl cellulose; dextrose; and sodium citrate to form a mixture;
- (c) and compressing the mixture to form the tablet.

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Claim 49 (previously added): A process for making a tablet comprising

- (a) mixing an amount lactase having a potency of between about 14,000 and about 100,000 FCC units and about 25 to about 85 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose to form a preblend;
- (b) adding from about 0.25 to about 5 weight percent of the tablet of magnesium stearate; dextrose; and sodium citrate to form a mixture; and
- (c) compressing the mixture to form the tablet.